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to the Apostles, which may be compared with the sounder treatment of the same subject in the article on the Rule of St. Augustine. A similar comparison might be instituted in regard to the story of the discovery of the True Cross. Professor Marucchi in his article on the Cross declares it would be unsound to reject the universal tradition of the church that it was discovered by the mother of Constantine in the year 326, while Professor Kirsch, of Fribourg, in his article on St. Helena dismisses the whole story in a single sentence as a legend. Notwithstanding these and certain other criticisms of detail, it must be said that the Catholic scholarship of the country can congratulate itself on the production of a work of reference that will command universal respect and meet a long-felt want.

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**Churchill, W. S.** *Liberalism and the Social Problem.* Pp. xxiii, 414. Price, \$1.50. New York: G. H. Doran Company, 1909.

Liberalism is long lived in England even in the form it took in the eighties. Though there is a change in attitude as to some of the great national questions confronting England—notably in an appreciation of the value of the colonies—there is much in these speeches which recalls the attitude of Gladstone and Bright. There is the same confidence in what can be accomplished by representative government, the same belief in free trade and that democracy is a force for peace.

But besides the old doctrines others are advanced which show the new Liberalism in strong contrast to the old. Industrial legislation, labor exchanges and numerous activities outlined in the budget controversy make it interesting to speculate whether the old Liberals would recognize their children. Certainly the taxation schemes, the elimination of the "diseased industries" by the state and a host of other "Liberal" propaganda emphasize how little does a party name always indicate the same thing.

Mr. Churchill's book treats of three subjects: the relation of the present government to the colonies, its social legislation and the budget. A better view of the complicated and to the outsider often conflicting elements of present English politics is hard to find.

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**Foster, J. W.** *Diplomatic Memoirs.* 2 vols. Pp. 672. Price, \$6.00. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Company, 1909.

No one who is interested in the influence of the United States in world affairs can fail to enjoy the story of this one of the longest of American careers in the foreign service. Mr. Foster's experience covers service in Mexico, Russia and Spain; he has served as Secretary of State, as the representative of the